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IN MEMORIUM

This page is dedicated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Deep River Association who labored side by side with us in this great cause of Kingdom building. The Heavenly Father saw fit to call them home to receive the great and just reward. The fire they started, and rekindled from time to time, still burns in the hearts and in the lives of those who remain. Even though the way was hard, the task great, the laborers few, they toiled on, many times singing the words of this great hymn of the Church, "Fight on My Soul 'Til Death, Shall Bring Thee to Thy God. He'll Take Thee at Thy Parting Breath to His Devine Abode."

HOME AT LAST

Home at last on heavenly mountains,
  Heard the "Come and enter in."
Saved by life's fair flowing fountains,
  Saved from earthly taint and sin.

Free at last from all temptation
  No more need of watchful care;
Joyful in complete salvation,
  Given the victor's crown to wear.

Welcomed at the pearly portal
  Evermore a welcome guest;
Welcomed to life immortal
  In the mansions of the blest.

Home, Sweet Home, our home forever,
  All the pilgrim journey past;
Welcome home to wander never,
  Saved through Jesus, Home at last.

-Author Unknown

FORWARD

For several years various leaders and workers of the Deep River Association have expressed their desire to have a complete record of the Association. To the date of this writing, nothing has ever been written concerning its founding, its early pioneers, or its mission and program as the parent body of several churches located in and around the center of the State of North Carolina.

The purpose of this booklet is to place on file a permanent record of the Workings of the Deep River Association from the year 1916 to the year 1961. This booklet is also presented in the hope that it will cause its readers to take a look backward over the long road of progress over which the Association has come and somehow catch some of the Spirit, zeal, and ideals which made its founding Fathers press on in the face of great odds. For forty-five years this Association has struggled along through successes and failures, good times and bad times, joys and sorrows.

The reader of this booklet must bear in mind as he reads these pages that in a writing of this kind it is virtually impossible to list all the facts, or call all the names of the hundreds of courageous men and women, living and dead, who gave of their time, their talents, and their energies in this great work. For this we beg forgiveness.

The facts recorded here have come primarily from two main sources. First, this writer talked at length with many people who over the years have worked closely with the Association and know something of its history down through the years. Secondly, much use was made of old minutes of the Association, however many of the first few sessions could not be found.

THE STORY OF THE DEEP RIVER ASSOCIATION

In the year 1916 there were forty-three churches which made up the New Hope Association. These churches were divided by two rivers, Haw River and Deep River. At this time there were two Ministers and Deacons "Meetings" holding sessions within the New Hope Association. These were known as the First District Ministers and Deacons Meeting, and the Second District Ministers and Deacons Meeting. The Second District was composed of those churches located on the Southwest side of Haw River and Deep River. The Moderator of the New Hope Association at this time was the Reverand J. H. Dunston.

At the forty-seventh (47th) Annual Session of the New Hope Association, which was held with the Oakland Baptist Church, Ramseur, North Carolina, in October 1916, a letter was presented by the churches that made up the District Number Two Ministers and Deacons Meeting, asking that they be given permission to withdraw from the New Hope Association and organize themselves into another Association to be known as the Deep River Association. The leader of this group was the Reverand A. T. Tuck.

The request of these churches caused considerable discussion. It was during this period of discussion that spokesmen for the group gave as additional reasons, other than those stated in the letter, (see letter) the fact that they were a group of small churches that were unable to entertain the Parent body, and also pointed out the disadvantage of having to travel long distances to attend the annual gatherings.

THE LETTER EFFECTING THIS NEW
ORGANIZATION

Liberty
North Carolina
July 27, 1916

To the New Hope Missionary Baptist Board and Association
Assembled in Oakland Church; Ramseur, North Carolina,
October 4-6, 1916

Dear Brethen:

Realizing that the bounds of the New Hope Association are so large that she is failing to do the work that we feel ought to be done, and seeing a demanding need of more and special attention being given to the Western District of the Association, also to extend the bounds farther Westward.

We, the Churches of District No. 2, in Conference assembled during July, 1916, send our pastors and delegates--in good faith--to ask you to grant us our letter to organize an Association, viz: "The Deep River Missionary Baptist Association." These are the Churches:

Mount Moriah, Harnett - Rev. J. S. Hooper, pastor; Giles McNeill, delegate.

Red Hill - Bro. John Person, delegate.

Pearl Street First Baptist (Sanford) - Bro. C. C. Jones, delegate.

Lambert's Chapel - Bros. J. W. Mason and Tom Brooks, delegates. (Rev. A. T. Tuck, pastor of the three churches last mentioned).

Robert's Chapel - Rev. Geo. W. Moore, D. D., pastor, Bros. G. L. Palmer and Sandy Dowdy, delegates.

Mount Pleasant, Harris Grove - Rev. H. G. Goldston, pastor; Rev. R. D. Brooks, delegate.

New Zion (Jonesboro) S. P. McNeill, delegate.

Bethlehem - J. W. Brown, delegate.

Oak Grove - Rev. R. E. Edwards, pastor.

Taylor's Chapel - Bros. Watson and Henry Woodell, delegates.

Deacon S. T. Tuck
Moderator of Union

(This request was granted)

Following are the forty-three (43) churches which made up the New Hope Association before the Deep River Association was organized:

Barbee's Chapel	Hickory Grove	North East Chapel
Bessel Creek	Lambert's Chapel	Oak Grove
Bethaby Hill	Markham's Chapel	Oakland
Bethlehem	Mt. Gilead	Pearl Street(Sanford)
Bethlehem (Wake)	Mt. Moriah	Piney Grove
Bethasadia	Mt. Olive	Red Hill
Bunn's Chapel	Mt. Sinai	Rock Hill
Black River	Mt. Vernon	Robert's Chapel
Cole's Chapel	Mt. Zion (Chatham)	Shiloh
East Durham	Mt. Zion (Wake)	Taylor's Chapel
First Baptist (Mebane)	Mt. Pleasant	Terrell's Chapel
	New Bethel	Union Chapel (Apex)
Harris Grove	New Hope	White Oak
Haw River	New Hope	White Rock
Harrington	New Zion	

The thirteen original churches of the Deep River Association were as follows:

Bethlehem	Mt. Olive	Pearl Street(Sanford)
Harris Grove	Mt. Pleasant	Red Hill
Lambert's Chapel	New Zion	Robert's Chapel
Mt. Moriah	Oakland	Taylor's Chapel
	Oak Grove	

The names of the Oakland Baptist Church, and the Mt. Olive Baptist Church did not appear among the list of churches asking to withdraw, however, these churches met in the first session of the Association.

ORGANIZATION

The organization of the Deep River Missionary Baptist Association took place at the First Session of the Association held with the Red Hill Baptist Church; Cameron, North Carolina on October 27, 1916. Rev. A. T. Tuck, B.Th., was pastor.

At this point the reader should bear in mind that the first session of the Association met for only one day. The main purpose of this meeting was to set up the proper organizational structure and to adopt a Constitution. This first session should not be confused with the First Annual Sessòn which was held one year later on October 4, 1917.

EXCERPTS OF PROCEEDINGS
FIRST SESSION

The Union Meeting District No. 2, of the New Hope Association, convened with the Red Hill Baptist Church at Cameron, North Carolina, October 27, 1916. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. W. Mason and Rev. H. G. Goldston. After singing, "I Will Trust in the Lord," etc., Bro. J. W. Mason read Psalms 133. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. G. Goldston. At this period we entered into a permanent organization of the Deep River Missionary Baptist Association. The congregation joined in singing Hymn No. 152, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," etc., followed by a hearty handshake.

Deacon S. T. Tuck, Moderator (pro tem) in the chair, announced the meeting was open for business. The Committee on

Officers reported as follows:

Rev. George W. Moore, D.D., Moderator - Raleigh

Rev. J. S. Hooper, Vice-Moderator - Cameron

Rev. A. T. Tuck, B.Th., Secretary - Route 2, Bear Creek

Rev. R. E.Edwards, Assistant Secretary - Goldston

Rev. H. G. Goldston, Treasurer - Goldston

Deacon W. G. Glover, Auditor - Bennett

The report was adopted. After a very impressive installation ceremony by Rev. A. T. Tuck, each officer spoke a few words expressing their appreciation for the honor conferred upon them, and that they would strive to perform the duties of their office. While singing "Bless Be the Tie That Binds," etc., the congregation welcomed the newly elected officers with a handshake.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT FIRST SESSION OF ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR- - - - - Rev. Geo. W. Moore, D.D., Raleigh

VICE MODERATOR - - Rev. J. S. Hooper, Cameron

SECRETARY- - - - - Rev. A. T. Tuck, B.Th., Bear Creek

ASS'T. SECRETARY - Rev. R. E. Edwards, Goldston

TREASURER- - - - - Rev. H. G. Goldston, Goldston

AUDITOR- - - - - - Deacon W. G. Glover, Bennett

EXECUTIVE BOARD- - Revs. R. E. Edwards, Chairman; H. G. Goldston, J. S. Hooper, A. T. Tuck, Deacons J. W. Brown, J. T. Palmer, S. T. Tuck, J. W. Mason, C. C. Jones

HOME MISSION BOARD-Rev. R. D. Brooks, Bros. H.L. Womack, L. C. Dark, J. A. Armstrong, C. L. Jordan

FOREIGN MISSION - -Bros. W. M. Hooper, John Davis, BOARD I. N. Coltraine, John Aiken, G. W. McRae, J. E. Gordon

EDUCATIONAL BOARD -Revs. A. T. Tuck, Chairman; G. W. Moore, D.D., Bros. H.L. Womack, G. L. Palmer, J. A. Siler

MINISTERIAL BOARD -Revs. Geo. W. Moore, D.D., R.E. Edwards, H. G. Goldston, J. S. Hooper, J.D. Core, A. T. Tuck, R. D. Brooks

TRUSTEE BOARD - - -Deacons J. W. Brown, S. T. Tuck, W. G. Glover, D. T. Tuck, James Bynum

ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT AT FIRST SESSION

Revs. G. W. Moore, D.D., R. E. Edwards, H. G. Goldston, R. D. Brooks, Jas. Hooper, A. T. Tuck and J.D. Core (recently joined).

ROLL OF LICENTIATE MINISTERS PRESENT AT FIRST SESSION

Bros. J. W. Mason, G. W. McRae, I. N. Coletraine, W. M. Hooper, G.R. Coletraine, E. D. Murchinson, C. L. Jordan, J. M. Foust, H. L. Womack, Boston Chalmers, F. R. Chalmers, F. S. Steele.

ROLL OF DEACONS PRESENT AT FIRST SESSION

S. T. Tuck, J. W. Brown, C. Brown, J. W. Mason, W. G. Glover, Isaac Taylor, Henry Waddell, Julius Lee, H. T. Tyson, G. W. McRae, C. L. Jordan, E. D. Murchinson, J. E. Person, Carey Womble, O. W. Wooden, Prof. J.F. Miller, T. W. Mask, John Coletraine, Robert Harris, J. E. Gordon, B. Chalmers, John Aiken, Geo. McIver, James Toomer, D. T. Tuck.

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS REPRESENTED AT FIRST SESSION

LAMBERT CHAPEL - Bros. W. R. Graves, J. A. Siler. OAK GROVE - John W. Coletraine, G. R. Coletraine. LIBERTY MISSION - I. N. Coletraine. HARRIS GROVE - R. D. Brooks. MT. PLEASANT - J. F. Miller. ROBERTS CHAPEL - E. V. Womble, W. M. Emerson. TAYLOR'S CHAPEL - Julius Lee, H. W.Waddell, Isaac Taylor. BETHLEHEM - J. E. Gordon. PEARL STREET (Sanford) * James Toomer. NEW ZION - A. J. Holt. MT. MORIAH - Napoleon Davis. CAMERON MISSION - Phillip Chalmers. MT. OLIVE - Robert Harris, O. W. Wooden.

Visiting Messengers - BLACK RIVER GROVE - T. W. Mask. RED HILL - E. D. Murchinson.

Visitors - Bros. W. D. Godfrey, Alex Graves and many others whose names were not taken.

THE FIRST CONSTITUTION (SYNOPTICAL)

ARTICLE I. This body shall be known as "The Deep River Missionary Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Association shll be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament Church, to encourage Home and Foreign Missions; Religious Education, and Establishing Churches.

ARTICLE III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to two delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body, shall be considered members of the Association ex-officio, and ministers who are not in charge of or connected with churches within the bounds of this Association, and who present testimonials of good standing in the Baptist denomination, may become members of this Association by payment of $1.00 annually; provided, ministers who aided in the organization of this Association shall be considered members so long as they are in good standing in the Baptist denomination.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor.

ARTICLE V. Any church desiring to become a member of this body, shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and presenting a voluntary contribution.

ARTICLE VI. This Association requests that each subordinate church pay 15@ per capita (each member) for the objects stated in Article II.

ARTICLE VII. Any Baptist Sunday School or Missionary Society within the bounds of this Association may become a member of this body by sending voluntary contributions.

ARTICLE VIII. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, and adjourn on Sunday.

NOTE: The duties of the officers will be stated after the first session. The Rules of Decorum will be in keeping with Baptist usage. The Constitution of the Sunday School Convention and of Woman's Auxiliary Convention will appear after the first session.

EXCERPTS OF PROCEEDINGS
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

Cameron, North Carolina
October 4, 1917

"The Deep River Missionary Baptist Association met with Red Hill Baptist Church in its First Annual Session, Thursday morning, October 4, 1917.

The Association was called to order at ten o'clock A. M., by Rev. G. W. Moore, D.D., Moderator. Devotional services were conducted by Bros. H. L. Womack and E. D. Murchinson. Hymn No. 711 ... was sung. Bro. Womack read Ps. 1:1-6 verses. Prayer by Bro. Murchinson. "Near The Cross" was sung. Bro. Womack led in prayer. The congregation standing, joined in singing, "Pass Me Not, Oh Gentle Savior."

The Moderator, Rev. Moore, in the chair, announced the First Annual Session of the Deep River Association open for business. After listening to many encouraging and instructive remarks given by the Moderator, setting forth the purpose of our coming together and the object of the meeting, we all entered into an impressive testimonial meeting. The following took part: Bro. Womack, "We all ought to thank God."; J. W. Coletraine, "I thank God for this opportunity, pray for me."; Rev. J.S. Hooper, "Let us strive to catch men."; Bros. J. W. Mason, "Let there be no strife between us."; S. T. Tuck, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."; E. D. Murchinson, "The Lord worketh all things for good." Hymn, "My Soul Be On Thy Guard," all standing. Rev. R. D. Brooks, "In union there is strength;" Bro. T. W. Mask, ... "I have been praying for a great Association ever since I

heard of it being organized;" G. W. McRae, "We are glad you are here with us"; I. N.Coletraine, "We desire that you hurry and come out west, we need you"; Rev. Goldston, "I have been praying for this day and the Lord has answered them"; G. R. Coletraine, "My soul rejoiceth to be here"; J. F. Miller, (formerly a Methodist) "I am glad that I have become a Baptist"; Isaac Taylor, "I feel like the children of Israel did after crossing the Red Sea"; W. R. Graves, "I am glad to be here"; J. A. Siler, "I feel that this will be a great Association"; A. T. Tuck, "The harvest is great but the laborers are few, pray for more and better laborers.

Deacon J. W.Brown, who had the honor of suggesting the name for the Association said, "I am glad to meet my brethern in this our Association." Rev. Moore, "Did not our hearts burn while he talked with us by the way."

"Following these hearty expressions, the Moderator led and asked that each one repeat a Bible verse, then we all repeated the 23d Psalms in concert. A very frevent prayer was offered by Bro. J. W. Mason, after which we joined in a Christian handshake. The entire devotion seemed to be filled with the spirit of the Master. We had never witnessed anything on this wise, expressed."

This first annual session, which lasted for four days was filled with many expressions, addresses, sermons and reports which were far too numerous to include on the pages of this report.

The reader should keep in mind that these were sincere Christians who had come together for the first time in an annual gathering of a newly organized association. Their hearts were filled with thanksgiving, humility, brotherly love and pride, for

what they, with the help of Almighty God had been able to accomplish.

MINISTERS WHO PREACHED IN THE FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

Introductory Sermon---Rev. H. G. Goldston
(Text, Isa. 45:22)

Bro. J. W. Mason
(Text, Gen. 13:8)

Missionary Sermon-----Rev. R. E. Edwards
(Text, Jonah 3:2)

Rev. J. D. Core
(Text, Luke 18:1)

Bro. H. L. Womack
(Text, Luke 5:4)

Doctrinal Sermon------Rev. G. W. Moore
(Text, Eph. 4:5)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES

We, your Committee on New Churches, beg leave to make our report: After hearing the testimonies given by the messengers from the following churches:

First Baptist Church, Liberty - I. N. Coletraine
Black River Grove, Angier - T. W. Mask
First Baptist Church, Cameron - Philip Chalmers

We find them to be in gospel order and therefore commend them to the Association.

R. D. Brooks, J. M. Foust, Alex. Graves,
G. R. Coletraine, Isaac Taylor,
COMMITTEE

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF REV. GEORGE W. MOORE, D.D., MODERATOR OF THE DEEP RIVER ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER 4, 1917, RED HILL CHURCH CAMERON, NORTH CAROLINA

Brother Vice-Moderator, Pastors, Delegates,Brethern, Ladies and Gentlemen:

... Our journey, and conditions, have been similar to that of the children of Israel. The Association can say with un burdened and rejoicing hearts, we found the way we long have sought and mourn because we fount it not.

With the plans well organized in the hands of the high constable and leader, Rev. A. T. Tuck, B.Th., the young son of thunder, a Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego and a Daniel if you please who snatched tongues from lions throats, on that beautiful day last October, 1916, at Ramseur, North Carolina at Oakland Church. The churches went up in good spirit, love and in union as a body, representing the Deep River Bounds, in meditation, prayer, and faith, with a petition asking for a full grant of permission to organize a new association in a neglected and much needed part of the grand old New Hope Association Bounds. We paid our fare that was commanded of us, and the echo rang out "God be with you till we meet again."

Struggles

Without hat, garment and shoes, we started out over this part of the ocean to submarine, and torpedo if need be, for the Son of God said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto

the end of the world." Amen.

Without canoe or paddle among the other fifty-five associations of the grand Union Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to do our part in getting people to hear God. The beginning has been fine, mudsills have been laid, through the well-arranged and attended Union Meetings, the Auxiliary Sunday School Convention, Board Meetings and a profound Gospel Bible Chautauqua.

How Overcome

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That tells us we have what we want,
We once were in darkness, but now in the light,
Through many long journeys, toils and setbacks,
We have come at last.

'Tis grace, prayer, faith and work has brought us safe thus far, and grace, work and faith in our God will lead us on to victory.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethen to dwell together in unity." United we stand, divided we fall. The waste places shall be made glad and the desert shall blossom as the rose. Let the motto of this Association be, "Always a Square Deal."

Hearthenism

The savage lets the desert remain a desert, but the civilized man digs the irrigation ditch, floods and arid plains with moisture and roses bloom upon the wind-swept sands. Let us not forget to do all that we can for dark Africa and the new field Hati, for the heathens in Africa and the Haitians are calling for us to come over and bring them the bread of life.

The following missionaries are over there and must be fed: Rev. W. H. Thomas, Mrs. Cora A. Thomas, Rev. C. C. Boon, M.D., Mrs. M. Branton Tule, and Rev. J. O. Hayes, all educated at Shaw University; Raleigh, North Carolina.

Recommendations

1. I want to recommend that the Association and the Auxiliary Sunday School Convention adopt the Bible training course which at the completion of the books to be studied, the applicant will receive a diploma.

2. That the Association employ someone to do this teaching and institute work.

3. That each pastor and preacher pay annually $1, each licentiate pay seventy-five cents, each deacon pay fifty cents and each delegate pay twenty-five cents.

4. That each church bring aside from representation fee $5.00 for missions.

5. That the Association encourage and help all worthy young men aspiring for the ministry.

6. That the pastors, deacons and the churches open their doors for the consecrated and devoted women in our bounds to do Home and Foreign Mission work.

7. That we recommend all worthy young men and women to our great educational foundation head, Shaw University.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

October 31, 1917

Churches	No. Members	Amt. Sent
Robert Chapel.....	184	$ 20.00
Lambert Chapel.....	148	18.45
Pearl St. (Sanford).....	91	13.65
Oakland.....	69	10.35
Taylors Chapel.....	62	6.16
Bethlehem.....	61	9.15
Oak Grove.....	56	5.75
Red Hill.....	45	5.00
Mt. Moriah.....	41	5.00
Black River Grove.....	40	6.00
Harris' Grove.....	31	2.27
New Zion (Jonesboro).....	20	3.00
Mt. Pealsant.....	11	1.65
Liberty Mission.....	9	1.35
Cameron Mission.....	5	.75
Mt. Olive.....		
	873	$108.53

Prof. J. A. Siler, Prof..J. F. Miller, Rev. H. G. Goldston, Bros. J. W. Mason, W. M. Emerson, COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DEEP RIVER ASSOCIATION

October 31, 1917

Received from all sources $192.43

Paid orders as follows:

Home Mission	$ 5.00
Foreign Mission (per State Convention)	8.20
Union Baptist State Convention (fee)	5.00
Sexton, Red Hill Church	1.00
Executive Board, expenses	6.00
Rev. G. W. Moore (Mission Services)	5.00
S. T. Tuck (Mission Work)	1.80
A. T. Tuck, Secretary Services	15.00
A. T. Tuck, (3 composition books)	.15
W. G. Glover (Mission Work)	1.80
Cole Printing Co., Ass'n blanks, programs, env.	6.50
Laws and Denning, for printing Minutes	35.00
Delegates expense to State Convention	10.00
	$100.45

Amount Collected	$192.43
Expenses	100.45
Balance on Hand	$ 91.98

H. G. Goldston, Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have carefully examined the Treasurer's record and find it correct.

Faithfully submitted,

W. G. Glover

Dr. G. W. Moore served as Moderator of the Association from 1916 to 1920. Rev. A. T. Tuck was then elected Moderator, and Rev. F. R. Edwards took Rev. Tuck's place as Secretary. The Association grew and increased her bounds during the years 1916 to 1920, which is indicated by the fact that the number of churches had increased nineteen (19). Rev. A. T. Tuck served as Moderator from 1920 to 1933, a period of thirteen years. By the end of this period the number of churches reporting in the Association was twenty-one (21). New ministers had joined the Association and the work of the Association was being felt by the individual church.

In the year 1926 the roll of officers of the Association as recorded in the tenth session was as follows:

OFFICERS - 1926

MODERATOR - - - - - - - - -Rev. A. T. Tuck, Sanford
VICE MODERATOR- - - - - -Rev. O. P. Foster, Liberty
COMPILING SEC'Y - - - - -Rev. H. L. Womack, Sanford
TREASURER - - - - - - - - -Sandy Smith, Cameron
AUDITOR - - - - - - - - - -Bro. J. A. Siler, Orehill

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Revs. H. G. Goldston, J. W. Mason
Bros. C. C. Jones, Sandy Smith

TRUSTEE BOARD

S. T. Tuck, G. H. Graves, and Job F. Siler

In October 1933,which was the seventh (17th) Annual Session of the Association, Rev. O. P. Foster was elected Moderator. This session was held with the St. John Climax Baptist Church;

Climax, North Carolina. By this time other churches had joined the Association and the number of churches reporting was twenty-three (23). The names and addresses of these churches are as follows:

Wall Street, Sanford	New Zion, Jonesboro
Black River, Angier	First Baptist, Cameron
Oak Grove, Liberty	First Baptist, Siler City
Lambert Chapel, Coles Store	Red Hill, Cameron
Roberts Chapel, Goldston	White Oak, Lillington
Mt. Olive, Moncure	Ridge Road, Staley
Mt. Moriah, Cameron	Edward Grove, Liberty
Mt. Pleasant, Benlee	Oakland, Ramseur
Mt. Calvary, Colon	Christ Memorial, Pinehurst
St. John, Climax	Harris Grove, Siler City
Bethlehem, Carthage	Union Baptist, Sanford
New Bensalem, Glendon	

Rev. O. P. Foster, the Moderator, began almost immediately to put stress on Christian education, more participation in the state work, and the need for more aid to Shaw University. This new approach was well stated in the recommendations which he made to the Nineteenth Annual Session, held with the Robert's Chapel Baptist Church, October 4, 1935. Following are the Moderator's recommendations:

> "1. First, that someone be appointed in this Association or sitting to spend at least two days or nights with each church in the bounds, teaching the laws of the Church Directory of the Baptist Church so as to better inform the members of the Baptist Church. It may be known as a Bible School. Some of our people do not know why they are Baptist, and we recommend that the church take care of the one appointed to do this work and

said person shall make a report in the next Association of churches visited. Number of days and amount received from each church.

2. We further recommend that the Association will go back to Thursday, and the men get their business through as much as possible and let the Women's Convention open on Friday night and close Sunday. This may be done in order that the men may have time to spend with the sisters in their meeting.

3. We recommend that the Ministers attend every Association Convention if possible in order to get information and aspiration. Ministers should let other people know that they still live. Every minister who can, should start now making arrangements to go to the Lott Carey Convention in Orange, New Jersey.

4. We recommend putting our Association on the map by representing in the General Baptist Convention, Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, and continue our interest in Shaw University by donations and sending students to Shaw and encourage them to do as Paul told Timothy - Study.

And let us not forget the cause of education. Our worthy boys and girls who are in school. As we recommended in our address last year - let those desiring help from this Association be recommended by their church and pastor of which they hold membership."

O. P. Foster, Moderator

Down through the years all available records will indicate that Rev. Foster has stuck basically to these ideals as expressed in the Nineteenth Annual Session. The first record of the Deep River Association having appointed field workers was found in the recordings of the minutes of the Twenty-First (21st) Session. held with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church; Moncure, North Carolina. These field workers were listed as Rev. C. C. DeBerry and Bro.

J. W. Walker. In the Twenty-Third (23d) Annual Session the field workers were reported as Rev. C. C. DeBerry and A. E. Quick.

The Deep River Association continued to grow during these years. By the Twenty-Third (23d) Session held with the Red Hill Baptist Church; Cameron, North Carolina in 1939, the number of churches reporting was twenty-seven (27). New churches that had cast their lot with the Association were the following:

Ellington Grove	Butler's Chapel
Rocky River	St. John Dunn

The growth did not stop here. The reports of the Thirtieth Annual Session held with the St. John Baptist Church; Climax, North Carolina indicate that three more churches had joined the Deep River Association. These churches were the following:

First Baptist, Pittsboro Cunningham

Pine Ridge, E. Sanford

The need for high quality leadership was constantly being stressed by the Moderator and other leaders of the Association. Ministers were being urged, to attend leadership training schools and prepare themselves in every way possible to meet the challenges of the hour. Much attention was being given to new ministers and to those who had the ministry in view.

June 3, 1947

The Ministers Council met at the home of Rev. A. F. McCleave on the above date for the purpose of outlining a course of procedure as a basis for Ordination of Ministers in the Deep River Association. The decision of the Board was as follows:

> In order for a minister to be ordained, he must have a fair knowledge of the following:
>
> Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English, History,

Geography, Spelling, The Scriptures, the Baptist Church Government and Discipline. The Examining Board would be permitted to ask ten questions from each or all subjects.

The passing grade shall be 60 per cent. All ministers receiving ordination should be of high moral standing. There shall be a sufficient proof of the need of his ordination.

At this point this writer feels that the most effective method of measuring the growth, and charting the course of the movements of the Association is to observe some of the recommendations made by the Moderator, and put into effect by the Association. Following are the recommendations made to the Thirty-Second (32d) Annual Session assembled at the First Baptist Church; Benson, North Carolina in October, 1948:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we continue our interest in Foreign Missions, State Missions and Shaw University.

2. That we continue to help such young men and women in College who are qualified for the same.

3. That all ministers who will attend the Ministers Institute at Shaw next spring will be given their expenses there as before.

4. That we continue to help those churches that are trying to build, that have met the approval of the Association and other fields where churches are needed after a thorough investigation to the satisfaction of the Association, and other needy churches that are already built.

5. As a rule deacons do not want to be taught by their pastor. I recommend that the Association secure the service of a Minister, or more, to visit each church and hold a conference with the deacons on his present day duty as a deacon of his church of today.

Humbly submitted,
Your Servant,
O. P. Foster, Moderator

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Bro. Moderator, we, your Committee on Recommendations of the Moderator, beg leave to report. We have carefully considered these wonderful recommendations and feel that they should be put into practice:

1. We recommend that 1, 2, 3, and 4 be used in present form.

2. We recommend that number 5, which refers to the training of deacons be put in effect with the Moderator taking a leading part in the setting up of these classes with the cooperation of the pastors.

We suggest that the Moderator make a tour of the Association, securing such help as he sees necessary. Grouping churches where it is possible. We further recommend that the Association pay one-half of the expenses and ask the churches to take care of the other one-half.

We, Your Committee
A. F. McCleave
G. B. Watson
T. H. Brooks

Not only had considerable progress been made in the Association, and there can be no doubt that she was looking ahead to greater things, but other changes were taking place also. Some of these changes can best be summed up by looking at the roll of churches and pastors which follows. Many faithful and loyal ministers and laymen had laid down their crosses to receive the crown.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND PASTORS, 1948

Churches	Pastors	Post Offices
Wall Street	Rev. A. F. McCleave	Siler City
Mt. Olive	Rev. A. F. McCleave	Siler City
First Baptist, Benson	Rev. G. B. Watson	Sanford

Mt. Calvary.....Rev. C. Taylor.....Siler City

Red Hill.....Rev. C. Taylor.....Siler City

Oak Grove.....Rev. C. Taylor.....Siler City

Bethlehem.....Rev. J. W. Mason.....Siler City

New Zion, Jonesboro.....Rev. J. W. Mason.....Siler City

St. John, Climax.....Rev. J. W. Mason.....Siler City

Edward's Grove.....Rev. A. T. Alston.....Burlington

First Bap.,Siler City....Rev. A. T. Alston.....Burlington

St. John, Dunn.....Rev. A. L. Thompson.....

Rocky River.....Rev. J. W. Alston.....Siler City

Ridge Road..... .....

First Bap.,Pittsboro.....Rev. D. D. Brown.....Siler City

Oakland, Ramseur.....Rev. A. T. Tuck.....Sanford

First Bap., Cameron.....Rev. W. A. Bradshaw.....Chapel Hill

Mt. Moriah.....Rev. A. T. Tuck.....Sanford

Harris Grove.....*Rev. C. F. Williams.....Carthage

Black River Grove.....Rev. G. B. Watson.....Sanford

Taylor's Chapel.....*Rev. C.F. Williams.....Carthage

Robert's Chapel.....*Dr. J. T. Harriston.....Greensboro

Lambert Chapel.....Rev. D. F. Brown.....Durham

White Oak.....*Rev. H. L. Womack.....Sanford

New Bensalem.....*Rev. H. L. Womack.....Sanford

Christ Memorial.....Rev. W. A. Bradshaw.....Chapel Hill

Pine Ridge, E.Sanford....Rev. A. F. McCleave.....Siler City

Cunningham.....Rev. O. P. Foster.....Burlington

Bethsada.....*Rev. J. W. Collier.....Burlington

*Deceased

During these years of progress under the leadership of Dr. O. P. Foster as Moderator, the Association saw the need for

changing its Constitution. The original Constitution, as you observed, listed eight Articles. The present Constitution is made up of twelve Articles. (See Constitution)

In the year 1955 the Executive Board made a decision to operate its own printing press. This idea was put into effect mainly because of the heavy expense of having the minutes of the Association printed. The Association press prepared all the programs and minutes of the Association, and its auxiliaries for the years 1955 through 1960. To the date of this writing the Association press, operated by Dr. and Mrs. A. F. McCleave, is still in service.

THE INSTITUTE

In the Moderator's (Dr. Foster) Annual Message during the Forth-Third Session of the Association held with the St. John Baptist Church; Climax, North Carolina, he recommended "that the committee who was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for an Institute to be held in our Association this Fall and Winter be continued."

The first Institute held in the Deep River Association was held in the spring of 1959 at the Wall Street Baptist Church; Sanford, North Carolina. The Institute has been held for three consecutive years since that time. Instructors for the classes have been supplied at Association expense by Shaw University.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as "The Deep River Missionary Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 2.. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament Church, to encourage Home and Foreign Missions, Religious Education and establishing churches.

ARTICLE 3. This Association shall be composed of messengers chosen by churches connected with it. Each church being entitled to two messengers. Ministers who are members of churches connected with this body shall be considered members of the Association exofficio. Treasurer and Auditor.

ARTICLE 4. The officers of this body shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor.

ARTICLE 5. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an Annual Session of the Association through messengers for the purpose and present a voluntary contribution.

ARTICLE 6. This Association requests that each Subordinate Church pay 25 cents per capita (each member) for objects stated in Article 2.

ARTICLE 7. Any Baptist Sunday School or Missionary Society within or without the bounds of the Association may become a member of this body by sending a messenger and a voluntary contribution.

ARTICLE 8. Any Baptist Sunday School or Missionary Society within the bounds of the Association who present testimonials of good standing in the Baptist denomination may become members of the Association by payment of $1.00 annually; provided, any minister who has passed the age of his or their activity the Association will contribute $1.00 annually for his or their dues.

ARTICLE 9. This Association shall meet annually on Friday before the first Sunday in October, and close out on Sunday.

ARTICLE 10. The Treasurer shall not pay out any money unless ordered by at least two-thirds of the Executive Board (when not in session). Order written by the Secretary and signed by the Moderator of the Association or chairman of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 11. All applicants asking aid of this Association mentioned in Article 2 for education must be members of good standing with the Baptist Church of which they belong. Active in the work of the Church. Also the church must be a member of

the Association. The applicant must bring a letter of recommendation from such church, signed by the pastor and clerk in its regular conference. Those who attend Shaw University will be given the most consideration. Whereas, five cents of the per capita be paid for education, there shall be an education board composed of one member from the Association and one member from all the Auxilaries.

ARTICLE 12. The Education Board shall supervise the distribution of all educational funds. Each Auxiliary will set aside its educational money at each meeting and turn over same to the Educational Board each year at the Association. The Board will make a report of its distribution to the Association assembled.

ARTICLE 13. The officers mentioned in Article 4, in case of removal by death or any cause, the Board shall have the power to elect any member of the body to fill vacancy.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION
1961

Dr. O. P. Foster, D.D., Moderator.....Shelby

Rev. D. D. Siler, Vice-Moderator.....Siler City

Dr. A. F. McCleave, D.D., Clerk.....Sanford

Rev. J. W. Alston, Treasurer.....Siler City

*Dr. A.T. McDaniel, D.D., Auditor.....Dunn

Rev. A. T. Alston, Financial Secretary.....Burlington

MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Dr. O. P. Foster, Rev. J. W. Mason, Rev. D. D. Siler

Dr. A. F. McCleave, *Dr. A. T. McDaniel

TRUSTEE BOARD

Rev. J. W. Mason, Rev. D. D. Siler, Bro. Clemon Paige,

Bro. D. H. Gilmore and Rev. R.W. Perry

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro. D. H. Gilmore, J. A. Murphy, Alex Graves,

T. J. Foster, Sr.

All Ordained Ministers

FIELD WORKERS

Rev. A. E. Quick, Rev. G. W. Wright

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Wall Street.....Dr. A. F. McCleave.....Sanford

Mt. Olive.....Rev. J. R. Burt.....Garner

Mt. Calvary.....Rev. C. Taylor.....Siler City

New Zion.....Rev. Edward Hooker.....Pleasant Garden

First Baptist
Cameron.....Rev. J. E. Lucas.....Robbins

New Bensalem.....Rev. J. W. Alston.....Siler City

Oak Grove.....Rev. C. Taylor.....Siler City

Pine Grove.....Rev. D. D. Siler.....Sanford

St. John Dunn.....*Dr. A. T. McDaniel.....Dunn

Roberts Chapel.....Rev. A. T. Alston.....Burlington

Edwards Grove.....Rev. M. P. McCleave.....Greensboro

First Baptist
Pittsboro.....Rev. D. D. Siler.....Sanford

Harris Grove.....Rev. E. W. Johnson.....Bahama

Taylor's Chapel.....Rev. T. J. Foster, Jr.....Burlington

First Baptist
Siler City.....Rev. M. P. McCleave.....Greensboro

White Oak.....Rev. J. E. Lucas.....Robbins

Red Hill.....Rev. C. Taylor.....Siler City

Rocky River.....Rev. D. D. Siler.....Sanford

Lambert Chapel.....Rev. D. F. Brown.....Durham

Oakland.....Dr. A. T. Tuck.....Sanford

St. John Climax.....Rev. J. A. Thompson.....Greensboro

Mt. Moriah.....Rev. J. E. Lucas.....Robbins

Black River Grove...Rev. E. W. Johnson.....Bahama

Butlers Chapel..... .....

Bethlehem.....Rev. S. T. Harris.....Raleigh

Cunningham.....Rev. O. R. Foster.....Iron Station

TENURE OF OFFICERS OF DEEP RIVER ASSOCIATION

Moderator

*Dr. G. W. Moore.....1916 - 1920

Dr. A. T. Tuck.....1920 - 1933

Dr. O. P. Foster.....1933 -

*Deceased

Vice Moderator

*Rev. J. S. Hooper.....1916 - ?

Rev. O. P. Foster.....? - 1933

Rev. D. D. Siler.....1933 -

Secretary

Rev. A. T. Tuck.....1916 - 1920

*Rev. H. L. Womack.....1920 - 1957

Rev. A. F. McCleave.....1958 -

Treasurer

*Rev. H. G. Goldston.....1916 - ?

Bro. Sandy Smith.....? - ?

*Bro. C. C. Jones.....? - ?

Rev. G. B. Watson..... - 1959

Rev. J. W. Alston.....1959 -

Auditor

*Bro. W. G. Glover.....1916 - ?

*Rev. C. C. DeBerry.....? - ?

*Bro. G. B. Wooden.....? - 1940

*Rev. R. D. Brooks.....1940 - ?

Rev. J. E. Lucas.....? - ?

Rev. R. W. Perry.....? - ?

*Dr. A. T. McDaniel.....? - 1961

*Deceased

THE WOMAN'S DISTRICT HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY

AUXILIARY CONVENTION

THE WOMAN'S DISTRICT HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION
AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Officers

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. C. L. Tuck.....Bear Creek

VICE PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Lizzie Headen.....Goldston

SECRETARY.....Miss Alice Womble.....Goldston

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.Mrs. H.S.Cole.....Sanford

TREASURER.....Mrs. A. A. Murchison....Cameron

"The first session of the Deep River Woman's District Home and Foreign Mission Auxiliary Convention convened with the Missionary Sisters at the First Baptist Church; Sanford, North Carolina, April 28, 1917."

Circles Representing in First Session

Red Hill, Cameron.....	Mrs. J.B. Hooker.....	$ 1.00
Lambert's Chapel.....	Mrs. Millie Matthews...	1.00
Pearl Street,Sanford..	Mrs. Jannie West.....	3.00
Mt. Pleasant.....	Mrs. Mary Palmer.....	1.00
Roberts Chapel.....	Mrs. Josie Womble.....	1.00
Oakland Baptist.....	Mrs. Maud Isley.....	3.00

The first session was addressed by Mrs. P. G. Shepard, President of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention of North Carolina. Mrs. Shepard spoke of "Woman's Love for God." Others not listed as officers who took an active part in this first session were Sisters Susie Heck, S.A. Miles, Millie Matthews, Ella Jones.

"The first Annual Session of the Women's District Home and Foreign Mission Auxiliary Convention met October 6, 1917 with the

Sisters Missionary Society of Cameron, North Carolina. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer was offered by Sister Lizzie Headen. The topic for discussion in this first Annual Session was "How Shall We Best Prepare for Work Among Our People." Eph. 6:13-20.

ROLL OF DELEGATES TO FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

Mrs. Maud Isley.....Ramseur

Mrs. A. A. Mershion.....Cameron

Miss Lillie Akins.....Sanford

Mrs. Annie Dock.....Goldston

Mrs. Mary Palmer.....Siler City

Miss Minnie Watson.....Cumnock

Mrs. Susana Davis.....Cameron

Mrs. Moxie Coltrane.....Liberty

Persons addressing this First Annual Session of the Convention were: Rev. G. W. Moore, Rev. Core, Bro. James Toomer, and Mrs. Bella Hooker.

REPORT OF FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

The Fifth Annual Session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Convention met with the Missionary Circle of Black River Grove, Saturday, October 1, 1921. The opening service was conducted by Mrs. Lizzie Headen, and Mrs. Maud Isley. Topics discussed during this session were: "My Life For Christ and Humanity," and "The Need for Consecrated Religious Parents, School Teachers, and Leaders in General."

ENROLLMENT FIFTH SESSION

Sisters Lizzie Headen, Maud Isley, Alice Mask, Lula Cole, Alice Murchison, Lyda Taylor, M. J. Matthews, S. M. Degraffenried, Revs. A. T. Tuck, H. L. Womack, F. R. Chalmers, Joseph Siler, C. L. Matthews, T. N. Allen.

REPORT OF CIRCLES
Fifth Annual Session

Mount Moriah	$ 1.00
Oakland	1.00
Red Hill	1.00
Cameron Circle	1.00
Oak Grove	2.00
Robert's Chapel	3.00
Edward's Grove	1.25
Bethlehem	1.50
Taylor's Chapel	1.00
Sanford (Pearl Street)	4.00
Black River Grove	1.00
Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Shady Grove	1.00
Siler City	1.00
Jonesboro Circle	1.00
Total	$23.00

Mrs. Lizzie Headen,
Mrs. Alice Mask,
Mrs. Alice Murchison, Committee

The Woman's Convention, which met annually on one day, grew very fast in the early years. Under the leadership of Mrs. C. L. Tuck many new circles were organized and by this time were reporting in the annual meetings. By the tenth annual

session which was held with the Wall Street Baptist Church; Sanford, North Carolina, October 2, 1926, a total of seventeen (17) circles were reporting.

OFFICERS LISTED IN TENTH SESSION
October 2, 1926

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. C. L. Tuck

VICE PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Sarah Gordon

TREASURER.....Mrs. Alice Murchison

AUDITOR.....Mrs. S. A. Hicks

TREASURER'S REPORT (In Part)

Amount Brought Forward..... $ 93.13

Amount Collected this Session..... 78.75

Total Amount..... $171.88

NOTE - From the period 1926 to 1935 this writer could find no record of the meetings of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, however, it is known that the Convention did meet in its regular sessions. The Convention met on October 3, 1931 with the Red Hill Baptist Church and also in October, 1932 with the First Baptist Church of Siler City, North Carolina. No minutes of these sessions could be found. In the year 1933 Mrs. A. B. McCleave was elected President of the Convention.

The first listing of a Constitution of the Woman's Convention was recorded in the minutes of the Nineteenth (19th) Annual Session held in October of 1935 with the Roberts Chapel Baptist Church; Goldston, North Carolina. (See Constitution)

CONSTITUTION

of the

WOMAN'S CONVENTION AUXILIARY TO THE DEEP RIVER ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. This body shall be known as the Deep River Missionary Baptist Auxiliary Woman's Convention.

ARTICLE II

Sec. 1. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the cause of Home and Foreign Missions. To assist in supporting the orphans and awaken a general interest in the morals and the religious education of both the old and the young.

ARTICLE III

Sec. 1. All applicants desiring aid from this Convention must be members of the Missionary Baptist Church of the Deep River Association, and be recommended by their churches and circles.

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 1. This Convention shall be composed of officers and delegates sent from the Circles and other persons who are in good standing in the Baptist Church may become members by paying an annual fee.

ARTICLE V

Sec. 1. The Officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor.

Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention. The Vice President may perform duties in the absence of the President.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the Convention. She shall prepare the minutes for the press, the stationary and postage be furnished by the Convention.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall hold all moneys and valuable belongings of the Convention, and shall make a proper entry of all receipts and disbursements. All orders for money must be signed by the President. Books shall be open at any any time for inspection.

Sec. 5. All officers, managers and missionaries of this Convention must be members in good standing of regular Baptist churches. The funds of this Convention shall be used for educational purposes. The Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any Annual Meeting.

CONVENTION OFFICERS
1935

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. A. B. McCleave

VICE PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Ollie Turner

2d VICE PRESIDENT.....Mrs.Cora Alston

SECRETARY.....Mrs. L. L. Foster

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....Mrs. Eva Siler

TREASURER.....Mrs. Lizzie Headen

AUDITOR.....Mrs. Lillie Aikens

FIELD WORKERS

Mrs. Ella Todd - Mrs. P. L. Foster

General Field Worker - Mrs. Millie Matthews

Under the leadership of Mrs. A. B. McCleave the work of the Women's Auxiliary continued to prosper. This growth can best be summed up in a recommendation presented to the Deep River Association which asked for more time to do the work of the Convention.

RECOMMENDATION

Red Hill Baptist Church
Cameron, North Carolina
September 30, 1939

"The Home and Foreign Missionary Convention Auxiliary of the Deep River Association: We, the members of the Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, wish to have a separate annual session, since the programs are crowded and time too short to complete our programs. We are asking the officers and members of the Association your careful consideration."

The Executive Committee

(This report was received and adopted)

Some of the other changes which had taken place in the Convention can best be seen in the listing of officers and workers. Many new persons had come into the Association and the roll of churches representing in the Convention was now twenty-six (26).

OFFICERS OF WOMAN'S CONVENTION
27th Annual Session
1943

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. A.B. McCleave

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Cora Alston

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Ollie Turner

RECORDING SECRETARY.....Mrs. L. L. Foster

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Mrs. Bessie Harris

TREASURER.....Mrs. Lizzie Headen

AUDITOR.....Mrs. Callie Tuck

FIELD WORKERS.....Mrs. Carrie Strickland
Mrs. Ella Todd Siler

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mrs. P. L. Foster, Chairman
Mrs. Ollie Turner
Mrs. Cora Alston
Mrs. Lizzie Headen
Mrs. A. B. McCleave
Mrs. L. L. Foster
Mrs. Lillie Akins
Mrs. Elnora Paige
Mrs. Carrie Strickland
Mrs. Ella Todd Siler
Mrs. Carrie Glover
Mrs. Francis Harris
Miss Ethel Matthews
Mrs. Bessie Harris
Mrs. Ammie Foster
Mrs. Sarah Gordon
Mrs. Carrie Watkins
Miss Florence Harris
Mrs. Sallie Murphy
Mrs. Lillie McRae
Mrs. T. H. Brooks
Mrs. Mattie Lee Paige

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. T. H. Brooks, Chairman
Mrs. A. B. McCleave
Mrs. L. L. Foster
Mrs. Francis Harris
Mrs. Ammie Foster
Mrs. Bessie Harris
Miss Margaret McNeil

Mrs. A. B. McCleave resigned as President of the Convention

at its Thirty-Seventh (37th) Annual Session held with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in October of 1953. The members of the Board of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention voted the retiring President a cash donation for "twenty (20) years of faithful, unselfish service and good leadership."

OFFICERS ELECTED AT THIRTH-SEVENTH SESSION

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. M. E. Singletary

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT.....Mrs. C. L. Tuck

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Elnora Paige

RECORDING SECRETARY.....Mrs. L. L. Foster

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Mrs. Magdalene Hoskins

AUDITOR.....Mrs. Mattie L. Paige

TREASURER.....Mrs. Wincie Fouchee

FIELD WORKERS

Mrs. Carrie Strickland, Miss Isabella Lane, and Miss Ruth Graves

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mrs. A. B. McCleave, Chairman

Mrs. Carrie Jacobs	Mrs. Ammie Foster
Mrs. Sophia Williams	Mrs. Swannie Peoples
Mrs. Clara Kersey	Mrs. Ollie Turner
Mrs. Mary B. McNeil	Mrs. P. L. Foster
Mrs. Janie Saunders	Mrs. Mable Bowden
Mrs. Lydia P. Snipes	Miss Florence Emerson

Over the past few years since 1953 Mrs. M. E. Singletary, serving as President, has guided the Convention to even greater heights. Mrs. Singletary has continued to stress the need for Christian education, State and Foreign Missions, and the Oxford Orphanage. Much of the thinking of Mrs. Singletary can be noted

in this statement made before the Forty-Fifth (45th) Annual Session held with the Oakland Baptist Church; Ramseur, North Carolina in October 1961: "We must lend a helping hand to those who suffer, near us and afar off. There are those who are beaten down in sin, even at our door. Do we lend a helping hand or do we let them struggle alone while we make excuses? Will the Savior say to us, "I was hungry and you gave me no drink, beaten down and you gave me not your hand?" Are we guilty? Are we trying to carry the banner for Christ with anger, envy, selfishness, many types of unrighteousness in our hearts?

There must be a forgetfulness of self and a working together for the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men, women, and children."

OFFICERS
WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
1961

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. M. E. Singletary

VICE PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Elnora Paige

RECORDING SECRETARY.....Mrs. W. B. Bryant

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Mrs. Annie Crudup

TREASURER.....Mrs. Wincie Foushee

CHAIRMAN FINANCE COMMITTEE.....Mrs. P. L. Foster

AUDITOR.....Mrs. Mattie L. Paige

FIELD WORKERS.....Mrs. Carrie Strickland
Mrs. Cora Lee Malden

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Clara Kersey, Chairman
Mrs. W.B. Bryant
Mrs. A. B. McCleave
Mrs. Annie Crudup

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Mrs. A. B. McCleave, Chairman

Mrs. Sophie Williams	Mrs. Callie Coltrane
Mrs. Lydia Snipes	Mrs. Elnora Paige
Mrs. Olie Turner	Mrs. Wincie Foushee
Mrs. Mary B. McNeill	Mrs. W. B. Bryant
Mrs. P. L. Foster	Mrs. Annie Crudup

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE
1961

Wall Street	$ 44.00
Taylors Chapel	10.00
St. John Dunn	11.00
Roberts Chapel	20.00
Mt. Olive	12.00
New Bensalem	1 .00
Red Hill	10.00
White Oak	8.00
Oak Grove	7.00
Pine Ridge	8.00
New Zion	12.00
Rocky River	2.50
Edwards Grove	12.00
Butlers Chapel	4.00
First Baptist, Siler City	25.00
St. John Climax	10.00
First Baptist, Pittsboro	5.00
Harris Grove	10.00
Oakland	10.00
First Baptist, Cameron	6.00
Black River Grove	7.00

Representation Fees	$ 287.50
Total Offerings	212.67
Annual Fees	50.75
TOTAL RAISED	$ 550.92
Total Paid Out	$ 435.70
Left from this Convention	115.22
Amount Brought Forward	147.41
TOTAL LEFT IN TREASURY	$ 262.63

OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

President

Mrs. C. L. Tuck..... 1917 - 1933

Mrs. A. B. McCleave..... 1933 - 1953

Mrs. M. E. Singletary... 1953 -

First Vice President

Mrs. Lizzie Headen
Mrs. Ollie Turner
Mrs. Cora Alston
Mrs. Elnora Paige
Mrs. C. L. Tuck

Second Vice President

Mrs. Ollie Turner
Mrs. Elnora Paige

Secretary

Miss Alice Womble
Mrs. S. M. Degraffenreid
Mrs. Sarah Gordon
Mrs. L.L. Foster
Mrs. W.B. Bryant

Assistant Secretary

Mrs. H. S. Cole
Mrs. Eva Siler
Mrs. Sarah Gordon

Treasurer

Mrs. A. A. Murchison
Mrs. Lizzie Headen
Mrs. Amy Foster
Mrs. Wincie Foushee

Auditor

Mrs. S. A. Hicks
Mrs. Lillie Aikens
Mrs. Carrie Glover
Mrs. Susie Lucas
Mrs. Callie Tuck
Mrs. Mattie L. Paige

Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. Bessie Harris
Miss Margaret McNeill
Miss Ida Jane Person
Mrs. Maud Howerton
Mrs. Magdalene Hoskin
Mrs. Annie Crudup

Field Worker

Mrs. Ella Todd
Mrs. Carrie Strickland
Miss Isabella Lane
Miss Ruth Graves

THE DEEP RIVER BAPTIST MINISTERS AND DEACONS UNION

THE DEEP RIVER BAPTIST UNION

The District Number Two Ministers and Deacons Union, which withdrew from the New Hope Association, did not disband when the Deep River Association was organized. The Union continued to operate as the Deep River Baptist Ministers and Deacons Union. You will recall that this was in the year 1916.

The first Moderator of this newly named union was Deacon S. T. Tuck. He served as Moderator of the Deep River Union until the year 1928 at which time Rev. J. W. Mason, the present Moderator, was elected. To the date of this writing, Rev. J. W. Mason has thirty-three (33) years of continuous service as Moderator.

Please note here that no reports of the meetings of the Deep River Union could be found for the early years of its operation. The first written reports of the activities of the Union were found recorded in the minutes of the 1939 sessions of the Deep River Association. The reports of these sessions are as follows:

RIDGE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Staley, North Carolina
October 30, 1938

Brought forward.....	$122.51
Representation Fees.....	50.55
Public Collection.....	22.60
GRAND TOTAL.....	$207.54
Disbursements.....	$134.25
Balance Left in Treasury.....	60.41

WALL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
Sanford, North Carolina
January 28-29, 1939

Brought forward.....	$ 60.41
Representation Fees.....	73.05
Public Collection.....	24.98
GRAND TOTAL.....	$164.34
Disbursements.....	$ 83.40
Balance in Treasury.....	80.94

NEW BENSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Robbins, North Carolina
April 28-30, 1939

Brought forward.....	$ 80.94
Representation Fees.....	51.15
Public Collection.....	26.17
GRAND TOTAL.....	$157.75
Disbursements.....	$ 65.50
Balance in Treasury.....	92.25

MT. CALVARY COLON
Sanford, North Carolina

Brought forward.....	$ 92.25
Representation Fees.....	37.85
Public Collection.....	4.00
GRAND TOTAL.....	$134.40
Disbursements.....	$ 37.00
Balance in Treasury.....	97.40

CHURCHES THE UNION HELPED IN THE YEAR 1939

Ridge Road.....	$25.00
St.John Climax.....	30.00
Christ Memorial.....	20.00
St. John Dunn.....	20.00
Wall Street.....	30.00
Harris Grove.....	10.00
New Zion.....	10.00
Oakland.....	10.00
New Bensalem.....	15.00

OFFICERS OF THE UNION
1939

MODERATOR.....Rev. J. W. Mason

VICE MODERATOR.....Rev. C. C. Deberry

RECORDING SECRETARY.....Bro. Job F. Siler

TREASURER.....Bro. J. A. Siler

AUDITOR.....Rev. R. D. Brooks

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....Bro. D. H. Gilmore

The Deep River Union, under the leadership of Rev. J.W. Mason, has done much to support the work of the Deep River Association. Over the years its program has been to help carry out the objectives of the Association as stated in the Constitution. The Union has contributed much to the spiritual as well as the financial growth of the Association. Rev. J.W. Mason, even though confined to a wheel chair, has continued to carry on the duties of the office of Moderator. No history of the Deep River Association could be written without paying a tribute of respect to this dedicated servant of God.

As a means of measuring some of the growth of the Deep River Union over the years a report of the 1961 sessions of the Union Meetings is listed below:

Wall Street.....	$ 32.00
Mt. Olive.....	24.00
Mt. Calvary.....	24.50
Red Hill.....	18.60
Bethlehem.....	13.85
Oak Grove.....	14.00
New Zion.....	36.40
St. John, Climax.....	40.00

Edwards Grove.....	$ 20.50
First Baptist, Siler City..	32.00
St. John, Dunn.....	24.00
First Baptist, Pittsboro...	13.50
Oakland.....	24.70
First Baptist, Cameron.....	16.00
Mt. Moriah.....	14.50
Harris Grove.....	14.40
Black River Grove.....	12.00
Taylors Chapel.....	20.10
Roberts Chapel.....	36.00
Lamberts Chapel.....	31.60
White Oak.....	10.00
New Bensalem.....	21.70
Pine Ridge.....	25.00
Rocky River.....	11.00
First Baptist, Carthage....	7.60
Cunningham.....	5.50
Butlers Chapel.....	8.95

DISBURSEMENTS, 1961

St. John Dunn.....	$ 75.00
Wall Street, Sanford.....	40.00
Mt. Calvary, Colon.....	50.00
Harris Grove.....	50.00
First Baptist, Siler City.....	100.00
Sextons of Churches.....	8.00
Programs.....	14.00
Mailing Fees.....	7.00

State Mission.....	$ 85.10
Education.....	138.00
Committee to Butlers Chapel....	5.00
Officers of Union.....	123.50
Board Members.....	174.00
Shaw University.....	55.00
Printing Minutes.....	53.44
Leadership Institute.....	200.00

OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED THE UNION

Moderator

Deacon S. T. Tuck.....1916 - 1928

Rev. J. W. Mason.....1928 -

Vice Moderator

Rev. C. C. Deberry, Rev. J. W. Alston

Recording Secretary

Bro. Job F. Siler, Rev. A. T. Alston

Assistant Secretary (Clerk)

Rev. A. T. Alston Bro. J.Brooks
Rev. George Watson Bro. N.Brooks
Rev. W.A. Bradshaw Rev. P. W. Hooker

Treasurer

Bro. J. A. Siler

Financial Secretary

Bro. D. H. Gilmore

The Deep River Baptist Union is held each fifth Saturday and Sunday with the various member churches of the Deep River Association. The Executive Board of the Association serves as its governing body.

THE DEEP RIVER BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The First Annual Session of the Deep River Sunday School Convention was held with the Roberts Chapel Baptist Church; Goldston, North Carolina, July 20, 1917. Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. H. G. Goldston and Bro. F. R. Chalmers.

FIRST OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION

President.....H. S. Cole.....Sanford

Recording Secretary..Miss Marian C. Gordon.Carthage

Compiling Secretary..Rev. A. T. Tuck.....Bear Creek

Treasurer.....Giles McNeill.....Cameron

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Bro. H.S. Cole, Exofficio Chairman of Board

S. T. Tuck	Miss Mae M. Graves
J. M. Foust	Mrs. Maud Isley
E. D. Murchison	Miss Lula K. Tuck
C. L. Matthews	Miss M.C. Gordon

Following is a list of churches representing in the first session of the Convention, along with the number of pupils on roll and the amount sent to the first session:

Schools	Total on Roll	Amount Sent
Oakland	40	$ 2.00
Oak Grove	19	1.35
Bethlehem	32	1.65
Red Hill	38	1.90
Taylor's Chapel	30	1.50
Pearl Street (Sanford)	115	5.75
Mt. Moriah	20	1.60
Mt. Pleasant	11	.55
Harris Grove	15	.75
Lambert Chapel	32	1.60
Liberty Mission	20	1.00
Robert Chapel	50	2.50
Mt. Olive		.25
New Zion (Jonesboro)	20	1.00
Tuck's Grove	41	2.05
Cameron Mission	20	1.00
TOTAL	483	$26.45

The next available records of the Sunday School Convention were of the Fifth Session which was held with the Oakland Baptist Church; Ramseur, North Carolina on July 22-24, 1921. Following is the list of officers as reported in the Fifth Session:

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. H. S. Cole.....Sanford

VICE PRESIDENT.....Rev. J. W. Mason.....Siler City

SECRETARY.....Mrs. Bessie A. Newberry.Liberty

TREASURER.....Mrs. Sarah A. Gordon....Carthage

AUDITOR.....Rev. F. R. Chalmers.....Fayetteville

GENERAL COMPILER.....Rev. A. T. Tuck.....Sanford

From the period 1917 to 1921 the Sunday School Convention, under the leadership of Mr. H. S. Cole, grew in terms of the number of churches reporting in the Annual Meeting. There were twenty-two (22) churches that reported in the Fifth Session, a total growth of six additional schools.

The Sunday School Convention is held each year on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the fourth week in July. The Convention is composed of Ministers, Deacons, Superintendents, Delegates and leaders of the various churches of the Deep River Association. The Convention employs various methods to help in its teaching and training program. Much use is made of workshops, demonstrations, lectures, and sermons.

Since the year 1943 Mrs. O. S. Payton has been President of the Convention. Under the leadership of Mrs. Payton the Convention has continued to progress. Some of this growth can be measured in terms of the reports of the last session of the Convention held with the St. John Climax Baptist Church; Climax, North Carolina on July 21-23, 1961.

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Wall Street	$ 16.00
Mt. Olive	6.00
Red Hill	6.00
Mt. Calvary	10.00
Oak Grove	4.00
New Zion	4.25
St. John Climax	12.00
Edwards Grove	3.00
First Baptist, Siler City	4.25
St. John Dunn	10.00
First Baptist Pittsboro	3.00
Oakland	8.00
First Baptist Cameron	6.00
Mt. Moriah	2.75
Harris Grove	5.00

OFFICERS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION 1961

PRESIDENT	Mrs. O. S. Payton	Dunn
VICE PRESIDENT	Mr. D.W. Headen	Goldston
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	Mr. Warren Person	Cameron
SECRETARY	Mrs. E. J. Matthews	Carthage
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Mr. Billie Glover	Siler City
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Miss Ruth Graves	Siler City
AUDITOR	Mrs. Ruth Walden	Siler City
TREASURER	Mr. Alex Graves	Siler City
FINANCE SECRETARY	Miss Celestine Foxx	Siler City
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Mrs. Omega Herring	Siler City
ORGANIST	Mr. Malcolm Thompson	Dunn

The Executive Board of the Deep River Association is in charge of all operations of the Deep River Sunday School Convention. Please note here that this was not true in the earlier days of the Convention but later this plan was adopted.

FIRST CONSTITUTION

(1921)

ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. This body shall be known as the Deep River Missionary Baptist Auxiliary Sunday School Convention.

ARTICLE II

Sec. 1. Its object shall be to awaken a greater interest in the Sunday School work in all the Baptist churches where our lot is cast, to assist in supporting the orphans, Home and Foreign Mission work, and awaken a general interest in the moral and religious education of both old and young.

ARTICLE III

Sec. 1. Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Messenger and Auditor.

Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, and sign all orders upon the Treasurer, the Vice-President may perform the duties in the absence of the President.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the convention. She shall prepare the minutes for the press. Her stationary and postage be furnished by the Convention.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall hold all moneys and valuable notes belonging to the Convention.

Sec. 5. All officers, managers and missionaries of this Convention must be members in good standing of regular Baptist churches. The funds of the Convention shall be used for Missions, Educational and Church Extension. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Sec. 1. Each school belonging to this Convention shall pay annually to this Convention five cents per scholar represented. Each delegate 25¢, deacons 50¢, superintendents 75¢, pastors $1.00

Following is a list of officers who have served in various capacities of the Deep River Sunday School Convention:

PRESIDENT

Mr. H.S.Cole
Mr. R.L. Harris
Mrs. O. S. Payton

VICE-PRESIDENT

Rev. J. W. Mason
Mr. A. C. Graves
Mr. J. A. Murphy
Mr. Joseph Baker
Mr. Phil Glover
Mrs. Beatrice Payton
Mr. Eugene Turner
Mr. James Lee
Mr. C. L. Womack
Mr. D.W. Headen

RECORDING SECRETARY

Miss Marrion C. Gordon
Miss Bessie A. Newberry
Miss Linda Graves
Miss E. J. Matthews

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Miss Alberta Emerson
Miss Rebecca Newberry
Miss Mamie Akins
Miss Ruth Graves

TREASURER

Mr. Giles McNeill
Mrs. Sarah Gordon
Mrs. Amie Foster
Rev. A. F. McCleave
Mr. Alex Graves

AUDITOR

Rev. F. R. Chalmers
Bro. J. F. Miller
Mrs. Jauanita Miller
Mr. Phil Glover
Mrs. L. L. Foster
Mr. Carl Lee Headen
Mrs. Mattie R. Walden

PIANIST

Miss Classie Glover
Mr. Calvin Lampley
Miss Wilma McCleave
Miss Dorothy Cutts
Miss Dorothy Turner

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Miss Margaret McNeill
Miss Carolyn Matthews
Miss Celestine Foxx

THE DEEP RIVER BAPTIST USHER UNION

THE DEEP RIVER USHER UNION

For several years before the year 1953 a few interested ushers and leaders in the Deep River Association had talked of the need for having an organized parent body for ushers within the bounds of the Deep River Association. The dreams of these persons were soon to become a reality.

The first session of the Deep River Usher Union was held at the Harris Grove Baptist Church; Siler City, North Carolina in the year 1953. Mr. W. C. Redding of Sanford, North Carolina was elected as its first President. Other officers who were elected in the first session were not available to this writer. Some of the ministers who helped in this early movement were Rev. A. T. Alston, Rev. J.W. Mason, and Dr. A. F. McCleave.

The second session of the Usher Union was held with the First Baptist Church; Carthage, North Carolina on October 30, 1954. The officers as reported in this session were as follows:

PRESIDENT.....Mr. W.C. Redding

VICE-PRESIDENT.....Mr. George Bynum

SECRETARY.....Mrs. Vera Hooker

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....Mrs. Cornelia Leach

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.Miss Evon Battle

TREASURER.....Mr. J.C. Paige

AUDITOR.....Mrs. Mary B. McNeill

CHAIRMAN,PROGRAM
COMMITTEE.....Mr. Baker

The records indicate that there were three churches that represented in the second session of the Usher Union. These churches were as follows:

Roberts Chapel.....	$ 2.00
Red Hill Cameron.....	2.00
St. John Dunn.....	1.00

The third session of the Deep River Usher Union was held with the Lamberts Chapel Baptist Church on July 30, 1955. The matter of registration fees was considered in this meeting. It was voted that Officers, Ushers, and Ministers would hereafter register with twenty-five cents (25¢). Rev. A. T. Alston and Dr.A.F. McCleave stressed the need for having some By-Laws for the Organization. The Union voted to be governed by the "Rules" of the Deep River Association.

The Deep River Usher Union has grown considerably by the time of this third session. Many more usher boards of the churches of the Deep River Association were now representing in the Union. Following are the churches that sent delegates and representation fees to the Usher Union in 1955:

Roberts Chapel	$ 2.50
Wall Street	2.50
New Zion	1.00
First Baptist Cameron	2.25
Cunningham	1.00
Edwards Grove	1.00
St. John Climax	1.00
First Baptist Siler City	2.50
Red Hill Cameron	2.00

OFFICERS

THIRD SESSION, 1955

PRESIDENT.....Mr. W. C. Redding

VICE PRESIDENT.....Mr.George Bynum

SECRETARY.....Mrs. Clara Kersey

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....Mrs. Carrie Strickland

TREASURER.....Mr. J.C. Paige

AUDITOR.....Mrs. Mary B. McNeill

CHAIRMAN PROGRAM COMMITTEE.....Mrs. Margret Murphy

The 1956 session of the Usher Union was held with the Cunningham Baptist Church; Thomasville, North Carolina on

September 29, 1956. Mrs. Clara Kersey was elected President in this session. Mrs. Vera Hooker was again elected Secretary; Mrs. Carrie Strickland having served for a period of one year. Miss Estella Spinks was elected as the Assistant Secretary. Later Miss Spinks was elected Secretary of the Union. All other officers remained the same.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Clara Kersey as its President, the Deep River Ushers Union has continued to progress. To this writing, there are twenty-one (21) member Usher Boards making up the Union. The Deep River Ushers Union is a member of the North Carolina State Baptist Usher Convention.

The Deep River Usher Union meets in its monthly meetings each fourth Sunday with the various member churches of the Deep River Association. The Annual meetings are held jointly with the Deep River Union Meetings at the last session of the Union before the meeting of the Deep River Association.

Among the accomplishments of the Usher Union are these: Each year a drive is held for the Oxford Orphanage and as a result of these drives many cash donations and gifts have been sent to the Orphanage. Each year the Usher Union has turned over to the Deep River Association sizeable donations for the purpose of education. The amounts of these donations usually range in the neighborhood of one hundred ($100) dollars.

Following are the officers who served the Usher Union during the year 1961:

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Clara Kersey

VICE PRESIDENT.....Mr. George Bynum

SECRETARY.....Mrs. Jannie Nelson

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.....Mrs. Edna Fuller

TREASURER.....Mr. J. C. Paige

AUDITOR.....Mrs. Mary B. McNeill

CHAIRMAN PROGRAM COMMITTEE.....Mrs. Margret Murphy

THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION CONGRESS

THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

The first accounts of the Baptist Training Union (formerly the Baptist Young Peoples Union), were found in the minutes of the Thirteenth Session held with the Roberts Chapel Baptist Church in the year 1938. This being true, the organization must have had its beginning in the year 1925. Officers listed in the Thirteenth Session were as follows:

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. A. W. Jones
VICE PRESIDENT.....Miss Omega Glover
RECORDING SECRETARY.....Miss Gertrude Watson
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.....Miss Inez Turner
TREASURER.....Mrs. Lula Tonkin
AUDITOR.....Mrs. O. P. Foster
EDUCATIONAL SEC.-TREASURER..Miss Louise Chavis
DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY.....Mr. C. Q. Haywood
BIBLICAL RESEARCHER.....Mr. L. L. Foster
ORATOR.....Mr. George Street
HISTORIAN.....Mr. Sherrell Barbour
LECTURER.....Mr. Dorsett Headen
ORGANIZER.....Mr. Joseph Baker
ASSISTANT ORGANIZER.....Miss Gertrude Taylor
MUSIC DIRECTOR.....Miss Mamie Aiken

By the time of the 1942 session of the Baptist Young Peoples Union, the name of the organization had been changed to the Baptist Training Union. The name change was national in scope, and as a result the name of the Deep River Baptist Young Peoples Union became the Deep River Baptist Training Union. The

thinking behind this change was the fact that it was felt that all of the membesship of the Baptist Church should be included in its training program, and not just confined to the youth of the church.

The B. T. U. meets annually in joint session with the Sunday School Convention on Saturday the fourth week in July. The training program of the Baptist Training Union is much like that of the Sunday School Convention, to the extent that it also employs lectures, demonstrations, workshops, roundtables, and sermons in its training program. The Baptist Training Union operates its own Executive Board.

OFFICERS OF THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION
1961

PRESIDENT.....Rev. M. Philip McCleave

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT.....Mr. Wallace Matthews

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT.....Mr. D. H. Gilmore

SECRETARY.....Miss Annie Lee McLaughlin

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.....Mrs. Omega Johnson

AUDITOR.....Mrs. Annie Hart

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN.....Mr. C. Q. Haywood

OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

President	Vice President
Mrs. A. W. Jones	Miss Omega Glover
Mr. D. H. Gilmore	Mr. Obie Wicker
Rev. M. Philip McCleave	Miss Margaret McNeill
	Mr. D.W. Headen
	Mr. M. Philip McCleave
	Mr. D.H. Gilmore
	Mr. Wallace Matthews

Recording Secretary

Miss Gertrude Watson
Miss Nell Pinkney
Mrs. M. E. Bates
Miss Isabella Lane
Miss Estella Spinks

Corresponding Secretary

Miss Inez Turner
Miss Hattie Belle McRae
Miss Ola V. Douglas
Miss Reatha Gilmore
Miss Romonia Hicks

Treasurer

Mrs. Lula Tonkins
Mr.Samuel Rhodes
Mrs. A. B. McCleave

Auditor

Mr. P. L. Foster
Mrs. Annie M. Hart

Director of Publicity

Mr. C. Q. Haywood

Financial Secretary

Miss Edith Foster
Mrs. Omega Foster Johnson

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